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Mrs. Hardie sent me over a box of granula for her while she is teething. It is highly recommended and I am sending for some for summer. She has 12 teeth through, and some days she is so cross. I will be glad if she gets them all before summer. She walks quite well; will walk round and round the room, and then step and laugh because she can walk. Today she bumped her head against the sewing machine and cried real hard. We did not say anything nor pity her; pretty soon she went back and gently bumped her head against it and then laughed heartily. She is very fond of the Koreans. I do believe she would go to the dirtiest one of them. The cook is fond of her and she likes to have him carry her about. She looks so well in her new coat; the color goes so well with her golden hair. I crocheted a hood of ecru yarn and it is very becoming. Now I am making her some blue aprons of which she is very proud. She quickly showed her Papa her new apron today when he came in.

I am making over some of my old comforts. The Korean women oick and beat the cotton until it is like new and the comforts are like new after they are remade.

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That reminds me how disappointed we were in one of the Christian Koreans this winter. He with his family and brother died a Christian, and had a Christian funeral. Koreans all sacrifice to their ancestors on the Korean New Years. So what did this old man do but take the picture of his brother, which Mr. Lee had taken, and set it up and offer sacrifices before it. I suppose they had no tablet ~~and~~ as all the others do. Of course it create quite a disturbance and he said he was sorry and did not believe in any such thing and he would die for Christ, etc. How sincere he is only the Lord knows. Next New Year will again test his faith. Mr. Gale and Will think that they will try to help him over the New Years next year, but the church must be the most rigid on all these heathenish customs. It is wonderful how these people bow down to custom. They say they have reforms in Korea, but they are all on paper as yet.

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Jan.3, 1895

Bible woman read and explained. Susanna can understand English very well, so if there is anything I can't explain in Korean I speak to her in English. She is my teacher now. I pay her extra so she can have her washing done and I have her come just when I have time. I hope to study from 2 to 4 hours a day and be able to take the second year's examination next Fall. If I only could get someone to do my sewing I would be glad. I guess we will have to wear our old rags for the work can't be neglected and I must spend time, a good bit of time on the Bible lessons. We are studying the Gospel of John.

Hope this will find you all well and happy.

With love, your sister,

Sallie.

Send some gingham for Wilbur and Olivette aprons, also some light calico remnants for summer dresses, and I wish you would have Addie make me a dark calico house dress; make it very large for you and it will fit me. Anything you think would be nice for my new house will be more than acceptable.

If you have my lullaby songs which would be nice to sing to the babies, I would be so glad to have a copy. I remember once of hearing one about "Five little pigs went to market" and "Peek-a-boo", I see you hiding behind a chair," etc. Anything you send will be gladly received.

In haste, Sallie.

Gensan, Korea
March 20, 1895

My dear Jennie,

Again today a ship came bringing no letter, nor the "Independent", which seems strange. I received a letter from Mrs. Wagner today, also some papers from America, but that did not satisfy me. I was very much disappointed but suppose you are just like I am -very busy. There are so many at home who might write if they only would. They plead the excuse of having so much to do, but I am sure it is simply because they do not get at it. I think sometime I cannot take the time to write and Olivette bothers me so in the daytime that I have to wait until evening. I have neglected reading for so long that I find the need of it, so with all the sewing, mending, and seeing to all the housework and looking after Olivette, I am constantly employed. Today 30 lbs. of meat came from Nagasaki, so I had to see to putting it away in brine. Meat is 30 sen per lb here; in Nagasaki it is 12 sen. We have sent all winter over there for meat.

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For the last 2 months the weather has been very disagreeable; not so cold but so much snow has fallen and out here snow does us no good as far as traveling is concerned. Just now the roads are dreadful and our yard is more like a barnyard. The yard has never been seeded and the Koreans have tramped it up like so many cattle with their wooden shoes. Yesterday I put on my rubber boots and waded over to Dr.McGill's; found Mrs. McGill sick in bed -had been sick nine days, and we over here knew nothing of it. She is much better and expects to be up today. This will make a very late Spring and our garden will be late getting in. I wonder if you are having the same kind of weather. but you are not so shut in as we are. You either have side-walks or a buggy to go in, but here it is like walking in the big road at home.

We hear that very soon ships will come to this port often; 4 or 5 regular ones.As Spring opens trade increases and the Japs are getting ready to put up more buildings this summer and no doubt more merchants will be coming. Three Chinese merchants have returned and we hear that more of them are coming back.

In the "Japan Mail" of March 9 there is no new war news. Again there is a lull and we are waiting to hear what the Japanese will do next. I see that the "Tong Haks", Korean rebels, have been quieted by the Japanese. Everything is peaceful and quiet in this part of Korea with the faithful Japanese sentinels at their posts. Will is expecting to take a short trip in the country in a week or two, but will only go one or two days out and stay in one town for a week or two getting acquainted with the people, preaching and distributing books, of course. I hate to stay alone but I am not afraid so long as I have servants within calling. I only have to ring the bell and they come, and it seems they are more careful and attentive when I am alone. Olivette is so much company and cheers me many times. She is so very active and energetic. I wish you could see and hear her. I put her to bed this evening about the usual time and went in an hour after and she was still awake and wanted to get up but was quiet when I laid her down. I am making her a dress out of some Japanese goods and trimming it with this embroidery which I bought of the Chinese merchant in Seoul, making plain Mother Hubbard with big collar. I often wish for those little patterns and think I'll soon send to Butterick & Co. for some new patterns. So you see we can have our clothes made the latest style if we do not see anyone. I can't tell you what a lonesome place this is and often weeks pass without us seeing Mr. Gale to talk to him. For 3 months this

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winter Mrs. Gale's mother was not here to see me. So you see we stay closely at home. How often I wish I could only have church to go to once a month on Sunday, but there isn't one service up here in English. We tried to have prayer meeting last summer, but it very soon fell through with. I spend the whole day Sunday reading and seeing to Olivette. Sometimes it is very lonesome but as Mr. Lee says, "It will be Sunday every day by and by." Don't think I am homesick or unhappy by the way I write, for I am not. But it does grow a little monotonous sometimes.

I hope this will find you all well as it leaves us. And the next time I will have more time to write I hope.

With love to you both,
Your sister Sallie.

Wonsan, Korea
April 30, 1895

My dear Will,

I did not mean to be negligent but as you did not leave me the address I thought I would wait until your letter came. This afternoon it came. How glad I was! I knew you would write soon. I praise God for the good time He is giving you and I feel that this trip will be much blest of the Lord. We think of you often and I pray for you much. Poor little Olivette wants to see Papa so much. She cried as if her little heart would break after you left and she says "Mama, can't we go where Papa is?" Yesterday we were coming from our garden and she says, "Now let's go right on and see Papa." I have been so busy that I scarcely know where to turn first, but we are getting on very well. The servants do so well and try hard to do all they can. Today Mah and Choi cleaned your bicycle fine. I think you will trust it to Mah to clean after this.

Today there was brought here a fresh cow with a calf 11 days old. She was young and in a bad condition. They asked 161 yang for her so of course I did not buy her. Our cow is alright yet and will give enough milk for sometime yet, but we will have to have another before summer is over. I think you had better buy one if you can.

Yesterday Fenwick came up and said that his Christian man had run across an old man who used to attend his meetings. Fenwick went to see him and found him in a dying condition in a hole dug in the ground with coal bags around it with nothing but a charcoal fire and no quilts, lying on the damp ground. Fenwick wanted to put him on Song's vacant room but of course Song's wife objected and I don't blame her. Fenwick did not know

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what to do with him; he could not well take him in his house and he wanted to see if I could help him out. So I let the man come in where Amah and Choi used to be. The man is dying of syphilis -has no running sores but is like a man with paralysis. Today they got clean clothes and gave him a bath so he is more comfortable. Fenwick was here this evening; he said he did not think the man would live more than 2 or 3 days. His son, or sons, who are only little boys, come and stay with him and wait on him. I think it is a good lesson for our servants; it teaches them what the love of Christ will do for a poor sick man. Fenwick seems to long to be in the country, when I tell him what a blessed time you are having.

I went to see the school day before yesterday. Nu's girl can read all of the 7 lessons, and all of them are doing splendid. They write well and I think Susanna does the best she can. The two Kims in Whi-oo-dong are sending their girls. Oh-sa-bang's girl cried and was determined to go home. Oh-sa-bang came down and I guess he whipped her. Since then she is content. Mrs. Gifford writes me that they begin with the (catechism) Have we got any? Who translated it? They have to read and commit it to memory and then they read the "Peep of Day" and after that they take the Gospel'portion, () and after that are able to read the Scripture. I am pleased the way they are getting on and the way they write. I must go down and teach them to sing.....

Gensan, Korea
June 1, 1895

My dear Sister,

You will have heard the news no doubt ere this and will be anxious to hear how we are. Monday, James Wilbur will have lived in this troubled world 3 weeks and is looking fine since he got over the jaundice, and is filling out and getting fat. I am feeling very well; think I will avoid the sore-mouth this time by doctoring in time. I am trying to take the best care of myself and hope very soon to be myself again. I thought I would not let you and Ma have any anxiety about me this time, is the reason I did not write you. I am glad it is all over and he is a boy. Surely he will look like the Iliffs. Will thinks sometimes he looks like me and sometimes like Ma, but I think one cannot tell who a little baby does look like. Olivette is as fat as a dumpling, eats 5 times a day. She is now taking her forenoon lanch of cake and milk. I wish you could see both of my little ones. I know you would love them.

June 1, 1895

Olivette says "Aunt Jennie: quite distinctly. Will is going to Fusan by this steamer to see Dr. Irvine and have him examine his ears. Dr. Hardie made an examination but could see nothing the matter. Before we left Seoul Will discovered that he could not hear well out of one ear; about a month ago he held his watch to his left ear and to his surprise he could not hear it tick, but when he put it right against his ear he could hear it. He can only hear it about one foot from his right ear. He wondered why he could not distinguish Korean sounds better, and attributed it to his not knowing the language. But when I could understand the servants better than he when he, of course, knows the language much better than I, we concluded it must be on account of his hearing. He understands English alright, but I have noticed that he asks us to repeat words over more than he used to do. We are more than anxious, so he is hurrying off to Fusan to consult our Mission doctor and if necessary will immediately go to some specialist. He will make connection with the boat returning to Gensanso he will get back Friday. I hate to have him go just now but am sure I can get along all right. He gave me his whole time for 2 weeks; waited on me and took care of Olivette and the little baby. Mrs. Gibson washed the baby for one week, then Mrs. Hardie came for another week. Since then I did it myself. I had an amah but she wasn't even fit to care for Olivette, let alone doing anything for me. So Will just took off his coat and did it himself. He was a splendid nurse. Mrs. Gale hasn't been in yet. Her children have chicken pox so she can't come now. Mr. Gale is going to try to have his house finished this summer if the war don't stop him again. The Board made no appropriations for our house, not even to buy the lot or grade it, so no telling when we will ever have a house. The Board is so in debt that they are holding all missionaries appointed at home and have made no new appropriations for any building this year. A new lady doctor and a lady nurse have arrived in Seoul and a doctor for PyengYang who left America in April.

Well, I must close and help Will get his clothes together. The ship leaves this evening. I know you will tell me all about the Golden Wedding. How much I thought of you and wished to be there. Will saw to getting the mortgage off and hope everything will be all right.

We send love to all,
Your sister Sallie.

Gensan, Korea July 17, 1895

My dear Jennie,

It seems like ages since I wrote you, Your letter of May 15 came by the last ship. How glad I was to get it and while we were celebrating the 4th. We were very patriotic, got out all the flags and decorated, invited all the americans in and had an afternoon tea. Will came home from his country trip July 3 just in time.

He was tired and did not feel well but thought he would soon get over it. His teacher came and he began studying but Friday night he took sick and has had a high fever running almost to 104, a dreadful headache and so nervous that he had been most miserable, not having any sleep for three days and nights. Both the doctors are in the country and we not knowing what to do. Mr. Gale consulted his doctor's books and we treated him ourselves until last night Dr. Hardie came home and came over here at midnight. We sent for him

Sunday/ This morning the temperature has gone down to 99 4/10 and he is feeling some better. Dr. Hardie has not said yet what it is but I am quite sure it is malarial in some form. This country is full of malarial. I have been expecting that Will would come down with it sooner or later. He is much better and will be out in a few days, we hope. The babies are ever so well.

J. Wilbur gained and weighed 13 lbs. at 2 months. Olivette is the picture of health and so full of mischief. I do wish you could see them and enjoy them with us. Just now Olivette has emptied the wastebasket on the floor and scattered paper all over. I feel quite well but so soon become done out. We think it is the climate that makes us so nervous. I will be glad when this month and next are over and especially if cholera should become as epidemic at this place. We hear it is in the Japanese settlement and several have died, but the Japanese consul denied that there was any. We do not feel afraid for we are exposed to all and any disease so we simply trust in the Lord and know He is able to care for His own children. We use every precaution we know in our food and water we drink and also in the drains and around the house and trust for the rest, and that is all we can do. Our garden is splendid but we are not eating vegetables now.

I am waiting patiently for the letter telling about the Golden Wedding. How nice that you all prepared the dinner, -it was a great burden taken off Ma, so kind for you all to do it. I did long to be there and have a "finger in the pie," and present Ma and Pa with the richest present of all, a beautiful grandson. Who were the seven of whom you spoke who were at Pa and Ma's wedding...I can think of some but can't recall all.

July 17, 1896

While I missed so much in not being there yet I have the pleasure of hearing all about it and I try to imagine how you all looked and how everything was. At this lonely place we miss society and church services so much, but when I can go to some of the villages and hold services I shall be very happy. Last week I went with Susanna, our little Bible woman, and held the first meeting ever held in a nice little village about 2 miles from here. I suppose 50 women beside the children heard of God and heard that it is wrong to worship the Evil spirits, for the first time. What a blessed privilege it is to give this Gospel to these poor people. I want to go out there once a week if I can possibly leave the children. I wish I had time to write a long letter but I can not this time. Will is getting better and we hope he will be up before very long.

I hope you are all well and enjoying the summer. This is an exceptional summer, -so cool. We have only had 3 or 4 real warm days, and fire most of the time, in the morning, and we have not taken the glass front off the porch yet.

I must close as Will wants me to write to Dr. Irvin. I don't know if I told you about Will's hearing since he returned from Fusan. Dr. Irvin found a piece of charcoal as big as a cherry seed next to the drum, but it is "atrophy of the auditory nerve" which causes his hard-of-hearing, and the doctor gave him very little encouragement, yet he hopes to keep it from becoming any worse.

I hope you will write very often. I received a letter from Etta but she said nothing about going to school. What does the girl mean and what is she going to do? I see that Russel Frederick still goes with her. Oh! how sorry I shall be if she don't improve the opportunity she has. I would write to her if I had time but can't this time. Write as often as you can.

With love to you both,

Your sister Sallie.

Gensan, Korea - July 29, 1895

My dear Jennie,

Your good letter telling so much about the Golden Wedding came one week ago. Thank you ever so much for writing such a nice long letter. Yes, I took time and sat down and read and re-read. Now I have it and the piece in the Independent put away for safe keeping. Thank you for the rose; you are ever so kind and unselfish. I intend to paste it on a nice piece

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of paper as soon as Get time. What a lovely time you all had, not only on that day but getting ready for it. I know Pa and Ma looked nice. I hope they will wear the gold spectacles and Pa carry his cane. If Pa and Ma are spared I don't believe I can stay so long but will come to see them before the 8 years are up. Time flies so fast, thus they will soon pass. We are all well again. Will is back in his study from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. He is taking one chapter in John's Gospel a day in Chinese now. I am kept busy looking after the little ones; both are ever so well. Olivette now weighs 30 lbs. and is the sweetest dumpling. I am glad you reminded me about her picture. I took her up and Mrs. Gale took it last Sat., but don't know how they will be. I sent for the Japanese artist but he has gone to Japan. As soon as he returns, or another comes I shall have several of both children taken. I will be glad to get the pictures taken at the Golden Wedding, and shall anxiously await their coming.

We have just had a nice rain and as it has stopped and both children are sleeping I must go and set out the celery. I only have about 200 or 300 plants and not a very good place for it, but it will be better than none. Our garden is very good and if cholera should come to this place we will not dare to eat anything along that line. Two cases have come on the ship here but were not landed and we are in hopes this place will escape. Nine years ago there was an epidemic of cholera in Korea but all the foreigners escaped. I have heard missionaries say that they had waited on cholera patients. We have medicine on hand and I have 2 or 3 pages of caution against cholera. We do not feel afraid for the Lord is able to take care of His own. Thus far we have had a lovely summer, so cool. My flowers look ever so nice, but would look rather sparse and coarse beside yours, I know. I have a box of beautiful pansies and pinks and a bed of asters and other flowers. Oh! for a nice green yard and some roses, but we must wait and wait.

I am sending to Butterick Pub. Co for some patterns and as it is so difficult for us to pay I am going to ask you to pay them for me. When we sent for the Delineator we did not send enough subscription, so the subscription and patterns come to \$2.50 which you please send to them at once so they will send me the patterns. Place the amount to my account. I do intend to take it any longer. Just before we come home I'll take it again and brush up a little (ha, ha) I wanted to write you a long letter bu I just can't. Olivette tries to get my pen and the paper, baby cries, and

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Oh dear, I hardly know what I am writing. I intend after this to do my writing at night when both are asleep. Such a stack of letters as I have to answer. I must get at them.

I hope you are all well and will find time to write often. Olivette send a big hug and kiss and baby sends a kiss and smile with a coo.

Lovingly, your sister,

Sallie.

Gensan, Korea Aug.15,1895

My dear Jennie,

Your two dear letters of June 21 and July 14 came today. Can I tell you how glad I am to hear from home and that you are all well! We haven't had a boat for about 3 weeks or more, so we could not send a letter. I am going to write this short one to tell you we are all well and send it by the ship on her way to Vladivostok, so if she don't come in on her way back, as the others have been doing, you will hear from us anyway. My baby is the very dearest boy, so good and gains 2 lbs. a month. I am sure you will be glad to claim them both. Olivette begins to talk a good bit; said the other day, "Papa, come to dinner." She weighs 30 lbs. so you may know she is a pretty good chunk; she is ever so well. I never have had any trouble with her bowels. She has most of her teeth now, so I think if I can only get her through the rest of the hot weather she will be all right. I think I can on the diet I give her. I suppose you would laugh to hear me calling them "tiny whacks" and all other funny things. I am certainly proud of the dearest little ones. I hope I may be spared to raise them, but if the Lord should see fit to call me home I tell Will that I know that you would take them and raise them to be good. The Lord has wonderfully kept us since we have been out here and we trust that we may still be kept well.

You will see reports of Asiatic cholera in the East I suppose almost every country in the East has it. It is in Wonson, the Korean settlement, and reports are that there have been a great many deaths. No wonder they have it. We only wonder that there are any alive. If you could see the way they crunch melons and cucumbers, peel and all without any salt, and muskmelons the same. They seem to say, "Give me cholera, give me anything just so we have melons."... as one of the ladies at Seoul puts it. And it is the Korean custom to eat them, and since they are so cheap the masses can buy them, so they do in spite of everything.

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Our servants obey pretty well and leave all those things alone. One of Dr. Hardie's outside servants died of cholera the first of the week; he had left their place before he died. As the whole family seems to be in poor health and don't know whether it is the water or cellar or what it is that is the cause. They came to us and asked us to take them in for a time (the Hardie family) Doctor was afraid that he and Mrs. Hardie were both going to get down sick if they stayed there, so what else was there for us to do but let them have 2 rooms and come in. I tell you it is not an easy matter to take a family of 5 in to board out here, where everything is so hard to get. I am glad that I have a good cook and 2 Koreans who do very well. I don't intend to exert myself much until this hot weather is over. They will have to put up with just what there is. Will studies all forenoon; has finished the Gospel of John in Chinese, and will soon begin to get ready for the examinations in October. The Methodists are having their Annual Meeting now, -rather a hot time for it I should think, but they have it when the Bishop comes.

I am sending to the Gospel Book and Tract Depository, St. Louise, Mo. for a little book called, "The Anti-Christ", one for you and one for us. Will you please send to the above address 38¢ each for them. Soon I will be sending to New York for another book or two, and will want you to pay for them, so I want Will to keep a strict account of every cent. I am writing to them to send the book by mail to me and that you will pay them.

Have you thought of the Second Coming of Christ? The Bible is full of passages of the Second Coming of Christ, and it does not mean when He died either, Have you noticed I Thes. 4:16-18; we are to comfort one another with these words. Also look at John 5:24 we who are Christ's will not come unto judgment..... blessed thought. Also I Cor. 3:11-15 and especially the 15th verse. We are to reign with Christ a thousand years. Rev. 20:4-6...this is the millenium. At the close of it, or the thousand years, will be the 2nd resurrection, the judgment of the wicked, and the works of the righteous. Rev.20:12-15, notice what it says about the "two books". Have you thought of Luke 17:22 to the end of the chapter? What does it mean? This refers to the Christians' works and not to the Christian himself. Everything that is not done according to the will of God is worthless in His sight, and will be burned.

The Second Coming of Christ is not something to dread but to love and long for. We are to be ready

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and wait as a bride for the bridegroom, and think,- we poor miserable sinners saved through the grace of God to be the bride of Christ. I trust that you will think and study this and find great comfort.

Your sister, Sallie.

Wednesday, Aug.28.

Two weeks tomorrow since I wrote the above. I sent them to the office but the Japanese would not send them. We have waited and waited for a ship and she has just come in. We are all so glad. I am sending to Nagasaki for a small order to help us out until our Smith Order comes. We are sending by this boat our Smith Order and expect it to get here in November. Also we are sending to Japan for our winter supply of coal. It seems funny to you to hear us talk about getting ready for winter in August, but everything moves slow and we have been out here long enough to begin in time.

The weather is getting much cooler and we hope that cholera is over. One of the Christians has been very sick with fever and thought he would die, but we hear this evening that he is much better. Our teacher has been very sick with dysentery but is much better today. We have been giving the medicine and food and hope he will be out in a day or two. We are all ever so well. I feel so well and they tell me I look well. I had my picture taken holding the baby and intended sending by this boat, but they turned out very bad so Mrs. Gale did not finish them, I am sending Olivette's pictures - three to Ma and one to you. The light one is for you. I was sorry that I hadn't more to send. You will have them mounted. In the group picture, Olivette is with the doll; Annie and Jessie Heron are near Olivette; Dick Oiesen on the horse, Mini Oiesen in a dark dress, Mamie Oiesen trying to run away, and the Chinese nurse pointing for her to see the camera. Mr. Oiesen is the Commissioner of the customs here and has a Chinese wife. Olivette and Wilbur send these little locks of hair to Aunt Jennie with love. Olivette sends a Scotch kiss and a big hug. If Etta goes to Delaware and is needing money, you give her \$25.00 for me. I do hope she will improve the opportunity she has.

Love to all, Your sister

Sallie.

Gensan, Korea
Nov. 11, 1895

My dear Jennie,

Your letter dated Aug. 10 (but it must have been Sept. 10, for the envelope was dated Sept. 10) came last week; also the pictures and the beautiful frame and paper, for which I am so thankful. I am sure you would have laughed to see me splutter around here. I am so glad to see you all. It really did almost seem like getting home, and it did seem that I must speak to every one of you. What changes I can already see! The children have grown so much, and Pa and Ma look so much older, and Ma looks so poor. Oh! how sad it makes me feel to see them growing feeble and think perhaps I will never see them again. I miss Will in both pictures and also Ernest in one. Tell Will many thanks for his picture; we think it very natural. I have you both on the wall just over the desk in a frame, in a prominent place. How pretty those frames are! I shall soon make some for the pictures of the Golden Wedding. You can't know how nice it is to get some of these things from home and how it cheers us. How sweet the grandchildren look down in front, and how pretty all your dresses are and your hair combed in such a pretty and becoming style. How much Etta does look like Celia! I can't help but look at her so often; I think she is growing better looking. Tirza looks so queer in glasses, but they are becoming. Doug looks so well; has grown broad-shoulders and fat. Well, you all look so happy and well. that it makes me feel good and wish we could be one of the number. I look at the picture, can't tell how many times a day and have a visit with you in my mind. And I am glad to see just a little of the house, - it does seem like getting home. Ever so many in the one picture I do not recognize. What boy is this just in front of Doug? and the girl at his side? next to Lulu Robin? And the lady between George Ogilvie and Aunt Nan. And the man just behind her holding the little child?How I would like to come home and have a good visit with you all. but neither of us would want to come home to work, as Will said last night after he came back from holding a meeting. "If we want to live and work for the Master here is the place ; if we want to live nice and live for ourselves we ought to be at home."

Well, I am just as sorry as I can be that I haven't sent any mail for so long, but it is not my fault. The ship came and went off before we had time to do anything. I felt so bad and disappointed for I haven't sent any mail for almost 2 months and I fear you will be uneasy and I do not want to be so negligent. Will came home one week ago last Friday night so well and he made the trip in 4 days and a half, - quick time.

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They had a splendid meeting and all enjoyed it so much and were so enthusiastic about our house that they sent in a special request to the Board for the house-money to be appropriated at once. Mr. Gale's house is almost finished, and Mr. Gale goes to Japan as soon as it is completed to have his Korean Dictionary printed, and then and his family have their furlough. They will not move in before they go but we will have the pleasure of moving in, -(no, by no means a pleasure) until ours is finished. It almost makes me sick to think of it. I have cleaned house and pasted the cracks for winter and felt that we were just about ready for cold weather, with our coal and wood all stored away, but now we must move again in cold weather, into a big house with not one outside building for neither our servants nor our fuel, and the yard just one solid clay bank. Well, we hope to have our own house next year and then we trust our moving will be at an end. We have changed the site for our house and will now build near the Koreans, on the other side of the Japanese settlement. We have a delightful site and I am sure it will be a nice place when it is graded and fixed up. We began today to grade; before we are through I suppose 50 graves at least will have to be moved. It is really a Korean graveyard, but everyone must go. One man came yesterday and removed one. If the Koreans don't come and claim and remove them, then the coolies do it.

The Koreans all seemed so pleased that we are to live nearer to them, and we are glad to be nearer our work. Last Sat. afternoon seven people requesting baptism were examined by Mr. Gale and Will, but as they have so recently become interested they will know so little about the Gospel Will thinks it best for them to wait several months yet for more instruction and until we are sure that they do believe. I wish you could know what a changed man our teacher is. He says he didn't know what it was to believe until this summer. We know now that he is a converted man and feel that he will be a good worker among the people. I have a new amah since I last wrote. She and her husband are both with us. They ran away from Pyeng Yang at the time of the war and were out of work and out of everything. One of the Christian families took them in out of pity and when they found we wanted a servant they brought him to us. She carried all their belongings on her head and ate out of the pot they cooked the rice in. You don't know what poverty is. Well, we took them in. She was not so dirty and I have liked her from the first. I am sure she is a Christian. She says she believes and if God would give her the

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Holy Spirit, it would be well. She reads and is at it every moment she can get. She has had 4 children, -all are dead. She loves our children and Olivette is so fond of her. I am now teaching her what it means to wash and be clean. She bathes and does just as I tell her. She is a most hopeful woman and I trust that she may soon be able to help me teach the women as they come to our house. This afternoon one of the Christian women came and brought a chicken as a present to us. She said since Will came from Seoul safely and was well she was so glad she brought the chicken for a present. They send us fruit, eggs, chickens, etc. for presents and we appreciate them for we know the spirit in which they are sent. They remind us so much of so many children, and especially so many of the Christians; they are so simple and childlike in their faith.

When Mr. and Mrs. Gale leave we will be kept busy. Will will have Mr. Gale's helper to look after beside building our house. Day after day Will and his teacher are preaching to men who come into the study. On Sat. a man came 10 miles; he had heard something about this new doctrine so he loaded a load of wood on his ox and came to market and then to hear more of this strange doctrine. He was in the study nearly all day, and stayed with one of our servants all night and then went to services on Sunday, -a simple-minded man ready to believe and we trust he will continue to come.

Well, I did not intend to make this letter so long but its hard to stop when once commenced. I have sent our pictures, also one for Add. Our Smith Order came last week, everything in good condition. I hope this will find you all well.

With love, your sister, Sallie.

Gensan, Korea - Nov. 26
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My dear Sister,

Your letter of Oct. 8 received yesterday. I was ever so glad to hear from home. I shall answer at once as the ship leaves for Japan this p.m. I wont have time for a long letter but a short one will be better than none/ I have just finished bathing baby. I know you would enjoy him, he is so good and sweet. He never cries when I bathe him, but splashes and tries to get his feet and the sponge. Olivette is a mischief; she powders her face with baby's powder and gets into everything. How busy I am trying to get the sewing done, and there are so many Koreans I ought to go and see, and so much to do I hardly know where to begin. And in another month we are to move..Oh! how I do dread it. The house is almost finished, and as soon as it is dry enough we will move in. I am glad you can sympathize

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with me, but you can't in one way, for you have a nice sodded yard and we haven't one walk - nothing but red clay, and as it is not to be our place I cannot afford to hire groundcarried and sod the yard, for many next Fall we will have our house built and then our place will be to fix up. The grading is now being done. Today they are to move 4 more graves, which will make about a dozen that have already been moved. The site is beautiful and so close to the Koreans. I expect when we get down there that I will have more women than I can see. I intend to begin to study again right away, and spend much of my time seeing Korean women and children after we move down near Wonsan. The woman I have now is learning fast, and I am sure she is a Christian, and I hope sometime to have her for my helper. Every morning after breakfast she and I read from the Korean Bible. I get the meaning from the English, of course, and then tell her when she can understand. We are reading John and then she prays and we close with the Lord's Prayer. I get a good bit of language in this way and it also teaches her. When Mrs. Gale goes away I will have charge of all the work and over-see & plan all the Bible lessons for Susanna. Will will have all the work among the men, with Mr. Saw his helper, Mr. Gale's helper and his teacher to manage. It will be hard on us both, but I suppose the best thing that could happen to us for then we will have to use what Korean we know. Mr. Gale's are now packing up and will be likely to leave by the next steamer. They will be detained in Japan for sometime on account of the printing of his dictionary. He takes some Korean from here to help him read the proof. I think his dictionary is to be about half as big as Webster's. It has the "un-moon" and the Chinese both. Mr. Gale is a real language student, speaks Korean almost like the natives, read German and French readily also, is a student in Latin and Greek, and is studying Hebrew. I wish you could see them while they are at home, but I don't suppose you will as Mr/Gale's people live in Canada, and Mrs. Gale's in Vermont and Tenn. They are very consecrated people and real Bible students, and are people whom we enjoy so much, we will be lonesome without them, and am sure will be glad when they return. Mrs/Gale's mother, Mrs. Gibson, goes to Seoul to visit while they are in Japan, and then will doubtless go home with them. It makes me almost wish I could home to see you all, but when I see how much there is to do here I cannot think of leaving. We are all so well and Pa and Ma are keeping so well and Will's mother seems to be better than for years, that it all makes us so happy. I hope Doug got over the maleria all right. We know what it is out here, for the country is full of it. I am so sorry that Ma can't keep someone all the time to do all of her work.

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She and Pa have no business to carry wood, build fires, etc. Just so they keep well and strong I shall be glad. How I do wish I could have Addie for a while to sew for me. What a pleasure to have someone who can take the responsibility of the sewing. I would rather wash, iron, scrub, bake and do anything than cut and fit a dress. I cannot tell you how glad I am for Butterick's patterns; they go together fine. I have made Olivette 2 aprons like the patterns you sent; they are so pretty. While I write Olivette brought in one of Harper's Weeklies from the other room and it has pictures of some of the Atlanta Exposition. I hope you and Will will go; it will be so pleasant for you. When we get our new house built and fixed up I shall expect you to come and spend an autumn with us here. Wouldn't that be fine! The weather is beautiful now and I presume it will be until Christmas.

How strange to think of Essa and Ona and Forest to be big enough to be off at school! And hear you say they are almost young men and women, and Etta a youngwoman. And I can't get over thinking how much she does look like Celia (her mother). I wrote her a letter and gave her some advice, but I doubt if she cares much for anyone else's opinion. I hope she will stick to school now for the next 4 years, at least. I fear you will all think it is too dear (expensive) and it is a dear place, but if Etta is a mind to, she can get in to wait tables, or do something to pay a good part of her expenses. If she would speak in time to Prof. Austin she could get a place to wait tables for her board.

I know one girl who is now a teacher in Nagasaki in the M.E. girls' school, who waited tables, washed dishes, swept other girls' rooms, and worked her way almost entirely through and graduated in the classical course, and Etta need not be above doing anything she can. Keep her there if you can, and advise her not to be going home so much, for she loses every time she does. I do hope she will keep the rules and please Miss Martin. On the last mail we received a letter and also testimonials in regard to a book called "The New Gospel of Health" or "The True Science of Living". The book cost \$2.25, but missionaries get one third off which will make it cost 1.50 and they pay the postage. It is so highly recommended I thought if there is any better way of living, to keep in good health I would like to read it, so I shall send to them the order and have it sent to you so you can get the benefit of it and then send it on to us in the box.

Gensan, Korea -Dec.5, 1895

Dear Jennie,

As a ship is expected tomorrow and leaves next day I shall have only time for a short letter this time. As the Gales are leaving by this ship and I want to have them for dinner tomorrow. I'll be kept busy. I feel so sorry not to be sending anything home by them but they took a sudden notion to leave right away, and as they are not going directly home but will be in Japan for no telling how long it was rather difficult to get anything ready. So I gave it up. Mr. Gale is going to take your address so if he should be passing through that part of the country he will stop and see you. I am sure you will enjoy meeting them.

The house is just about finished, and we hope to be moved before New Years. I presume we will have Christmas in this house. I want to have all the Christian Koreans here on Christmas day. We'll have presents for the women and children, and something for all to eat. I may have a Christmas tree for the foreign children, the day before Christmas. Haven't decided about it yet. How much work and responsibility we will have when the Gales are gone! You cannot know how distracting it is to be with people when you can't express your thought there are so many PyengYang people around her, and their dialect is so different, I can't understand but a little. The woman I have asks dozens of questions a day, and I can't understand but a little, whereas if she were a Seoul woman I could understand her much better. I really get so nervous sometimes I think I will just have to fly.

The ship has come and will soon go, so I only have time to say -we are all well and hope this will find you all the same.

Lovingly your sister, Sallie.